STATEMENT-II

Funds allocated to States so far, Under N.P.D.P. for 1996-97

(Rs. in lakhs)

S No	State	1996-97 Central Allocation
1	Andhra Pradesh	115.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2.00
3	Assam	10.00
4	Bihar	131.00
5	Goa	1.00
6	Gujarat	101.00
7	Haryana	35.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	15.00
9	Jammu & Kashmir	30.00
10	Karnataka	150.00
11	Kerala	11.00
12	Madhya Pradesh	550.00
13	Maharashtra	370.00
14	Manipur	20.00
15	Meghalaya	2.00
16	Negaland	12.00
17	Orissa	160.00
18	Punjab	25.00
19	Rajasthan	450.00
20	Sikkim	10.00
21	Tamil Nadu	150.00
22	Tripura	10.00
23	Uttar Pradesh	506.00
24	West Bengal	30.00
25	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.00
26	Delhi	1.00

Marine National Park

2613. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park, a strip of water that separates India and Sri Lanka, is in the grip of crisis;

(b) whether trawling, operations are plundering the region's marine life and leaving in the wake of this acres of davastated ocean floor;

(c) whether the coral reefs, already under threat from the cement and tourism industries, are caving in; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in conserving the resources of this eco-system that has resulted in a dwindling catch of fish and check this dismal scenario?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir

(b) The State Forest Department has reported that 356 trawlers are operating in the Gulf of Mannar which is affecting the marine life. The matter has been taken up by them with the State Fisheries Department to regulate fishing in the area.

(c) and (d). According to the State Forest Department the coral reefs of the area were under threat from industrial activity prior to the taking over of 14 islands by the Forest Department in 1989. Since then strict and effective steps have bene taken to control the illicit removal of corals which have yielded positive results and coral reefs are developing around the islands.

Financial Implications Involved due to Supreme Court

2614. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the present status of implementation of the Supreme Court orders on refixation of salaries of the Imams and other functionaries of Masjids;

(b) the estimated financial burden as a result thereof, State-wise; and

(c) whether the Central Government have given any grants-in-aid to any Wakf Board for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) In compliance of Hon'ble Supreme Court's direction dated 13th May, 1993 in Civil Writ Petition No. 715 of 1990 that Union of India and Central Wakf Council should prepare a scheme for payment of remuneration to Imams of different types of mosques, a scheme was prepared and submitted to the Hon'ble Court by Central Wakf Council on 02.01.1996 and by the Central Government on 05.01.1996.

(b) The responsibility for implementation of the said scheme shall lie with the appropriate State Walf Board and no estimates have so far been prepared by the State Governments or State Wakf Boards in this regard.

(c) No, Sir

[Translation]

Tortoise Safety Device

2615. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been made by his Ministry to the Ministry of Food Processing Industry for installing tortoise safety devices in prawn fishing trawlers;

(b) if so, the details of the progress made so far in this regard;

(c) whether Ministry of Food Processing Industry has submitted their final report to the Ministry after taking action in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the action proposed to be taken by the Central Government against the trawler owners for not fitting such devices in their trawlers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) No, Sir. However, the matter was taken up with the Ministry of Agriculture.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

(f) At present there is no stipulation requiring prawn fishing trawlers to install turtle exclusion devices (TEDs). Therefore, the question of taking action against the trawler owners does not arise.

[English]

Chakma Refugees

2616. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Chakma refugees not camping at Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh as on March 31, 1996;

(b) whether any negotiation has been made with the Government of Bangladesh for their deportation; and

(c) if so, the time by which they are likely to be deported to their home country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be furnished after it is received from the State Governments.

Scarcity of Fertilizers

2617. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is marked decline in the production of foodgrains in the country during the last 4-5 years;

(b) whether according to report of the fertilisers industry, imbalanced use of fertilisers has been a major cause of fall in foodgrains production; and

(c) if so, the measures Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The production of foodgrains has shown a rising trend since 1991-92 except for a fall in 1995-96.

(b) The decline in production of foodgrains during 1995-96 are attributed mainly to unfavourable rainfall and weather conditions in addition to lower consumption and imbalanced use of fertilizers particularly during rabi season.

(c) In order to check the deterioration in NPK ratio, the Government of India had introduced a scheme on Concessional Sale of Decontrolled Fertilizers during Rabi 1992-93. Under this scheme concession is given to the P & K fertilisers. The scheme is still continuing and the budget provision under this scheme has been enhanced from Rs. 500 crores to Rs. 2242 crores during the current financial year 1996-97. Per tonne concession has been enhanced as follows :

(Rs. per tonne)

DAP (indig.)	1000	3000
DAP (Imported)	-	1500
MOP	1000	1500
SSP	340	500
Complexes	435-999	1304-2633

Government of India under the scheme Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilisers, is promoting the concept of balanced use of fertilisers in conjuction with organic manure green manuring compost, bio-fertiliser etc.

[Translation]

Integrated Cereals Development Programme (Rice)

2618. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Integrated Cereals Development Programme (Rice) has been implemented in Gujarat in place of centrally sponsored rice development programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to include all the blocks of State and the machinery like power tillers, thrasher, etc. under this new programme and also propose to continue providing assistance for the pesticides;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IPRD)